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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a response to the outstanding Official Action in the above-identified patent application. The shortened statutory period having expired <u>December 16, 2009</u>, an extension of time for a period of <u>1</u> month is hereby requested.

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